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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly barely steady to weak. Demand covered the full range, mostly light to moderate, but best where first of the month retail ads were strong. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally light to no better than fair. Tenders were in good balance and moving well, and small wings were sufficient. The remaining parts were adequate to ample with limited movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 68.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.75 cents last year on March 2, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	139.00
BREASTS - B/S	112.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	102.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was slow to moderate, best for fast food, with hopes first of the month will improve buying interest. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was limited to fair. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate, but tenders were better balanced and moving. Wings were readily available, but close for smaller sizes, and dark meat was in the longest position and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to ample and discounted where product was in excess. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was mostly weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Leg cuts and wings were readily available and competitively priced. Tenders were well cleared.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continued steady to weak, mostly barely steady. Offerings were heavy; trade was light with fill in on 3 up wog's noted into the Chicago area at 46 cents. Retail and food service demand was in a full range. The St. Louis and Ohio areas noted moderate to very good movement on first of the month advertisements in retail. Food service activity was moderate to good into the St. Louis and Chicago markets on fast food promotions. Floor stocks were adequate to more than desired; weights desirable. Trade on parts was best on regular wings and limited on remaining parts. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on regular sized wings; steady to weak breast cuts and weak on dark meat items.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were at least adequate to ample. Buying activity was light and focused on regular commitments. Retail demand was moderate, best for parts. Floor stocks were easily adequate to cover immediate needs. Trade sentiments, although mixed, were generally steady on parts.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 217 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 25, 2006. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 25, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 25, 2006 were 1.39 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/25/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	216,741	213,989	+01
CHICKS PLACED	173,008	176,799	-02

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-Apr-06 is estimated at 159.9 million head. This compares to 161.2 million head the previous week and to 166.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.75 cents per pound.

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MARCH 01, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	88.00-145.00	-	97.73
TENDERLOINS	248	75.00-142.00	87-92	88.61
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	181	20.00-42.00	23-25	21.96
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	14.00-22.00	15-16	15.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	16.00-25.00	18-19	19.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	92.00-101.00	94-96	95.86
WINGS (CUT)	260	110.00-121.00	112-116	115.00
DRUMSTICKS	81	23.00-42.00	-	24.72
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	43	79.00-97.00	-	79.96

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	88.00-157.00	88-92	98.06
TENDERLOINS	178	85.00-145.00	-	91.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	181	19.00-42.00	20-22	21.07
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	14.00-22.00	15-16	16.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,010	16.00-25.00	18-19	18.62
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-101.00	94-97	96.78
WINGS (CUT)	280	109.00-121.00	113-115	114.20
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE

36.50-42.50

37.77

RANGE

TODAY'S AVERAGE

38.00-43.00

39.75

5-DAY AVERAGE

39.06

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair as dealers were selective and cautious during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate for current needs. Tenderloins were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Leg cuts were readily available and competitively priced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak for most dark meat cuts, wings and boneless skinless thigh meat. Tenders were fully steady to firm.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	104.20	645,780
TENDERLOINS	95	101.54	195,853
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	59.27	116,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	58.89	81,000
LEGS	33-34	29.64	263,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	18.70	480,080
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	27.28	108,060
THIGHS	26-27	33.94	50,330
B/S THIGHS	86-87	85.23	102,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	93.72	234,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.18	25,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.66	14,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.97	19,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

MARCH 01, 2006

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	106.33	572,920
TENDERLOINS	95-100	97.66	96,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	66.03	65,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	58.20	90,000
LEGS	33-34	28.44	394,570
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	20.10	323,440
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	28.48	55,840
THIGHS	26-27	32.66	50,480
B/S THIGHS	84-85	76.81	52,620
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	100.38	193,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.37	19,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.49	8,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.92	10,600

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
	03/01	02/28	02/27	02/24	02/27	02/24	02/22	02/20
Alabama	3,966	4,054	3,928	3,809	5.47	5.17	3,865	5.51
Arkansas	5,343	5,373	5,187	5,558	5.17	4.98	4,991	5.37
Delmarva	2,259	2,284	2,282	2,559	5.71	5.76	2,304	5.74
KY-LA-TN	2,247	2,256	2,173	2,375	5.08	4.83	2,116	4.89
Mississippi	2,862	2,836	2,835	3,599	5.89	5.74	2,827	5.88
North Car	2,672	2,585	2,469	2,803	6.69	6.77	2,519	6.64
Texas	2,494	2,497	2,476	2,477	5.38	5.08	2,527	5.35
Total	21,843	21,885	21,350	22,738	5.57	5.42	21,149	5.61
Mon-Wed	65,781 (A)						61,890 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Mar-06 is estimated to be 32,680,000 head up 2.97 percent from a week ago and up 3.21 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,736,000, last year 31,664,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Mar-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/04/06 (1)	02/25/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	163,964 (2)	161,783
Light hens	1,122	1,061
Heavy hens	1,517	1,434
Total	166,603	164,278

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Mar-06 is 163.4 million head compared to 162.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.3 million head or 0.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Mar-06 the estimated available is 164.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/27/06	69,818	70,033
AM 02/01/06	52,434	73,883
CHG	17,384	-3,850
PCT CHG	33	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/27/06	02/20/06	02/28/05	02/27/06	02/20/06	02/28/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,254	2,094	2,665	6,608	6,366	6,526
LOS ANGELES	3,330	50	62	3,418	3,284	3,546

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	76-78
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	77-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 2/28/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.40	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	2.00	2.80	2.51	RABBITS ea.	-	3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	6.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	33						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 24, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	56.36	151.74	82.37	21.68	4.34	78.04
High	78.04	156.08	86.71	26.01	8.67	78.04
Mostly	56.36	151.74	82.37	21.68	4.34	78.04

SAN JUAN

Low	56.36	147.41	78.04	17.34	4.34	75.87
High	79.34	151.74	82.37	21.68	8.67	75.87
Mostly	56.36	147.41	82.37	21.68	4.34	75.87

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	56.36	151.74	82.37	17.34	4.34	73.70
High	80.21	156.08	86.71	21.68	8.67	73.70
Mostly	56.36	151.74	82.37	17.34	4.34	73.70

BECERRA

Low	60.70	151.74	86.71	21.68	4.34	78.04
High	81.07	156.08	91.04	26.01	8.67	78.04
Mostly	60.70	156.08	91.04	26.01	4.34	78.04

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained generally light and unaggressive with the bulk of activity noted where ample offerings were competitively priced to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was unsettled. In the parts complex, offerings were fully adequate to ample on all but tenders which were in close balance. Wings and leg items were in heaviest supply.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	46-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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